

December 6, 2020

## ADVENT

### Second Sunday of Advent



#### Good News, Ever Now!

On this Second Sunday of Advent the sacred texts proclaimed in our hearing speak a message intended to shake us into a renewed awareness of God's coming into our lives. We are reminded the coming of God in Jesus will demand that crooked ways of sin be made straight and that the rough places in our lives be shaken into smoothness. The prospect of Jesus' coming should shake us also with the realization of our need for repentance and forgiveness.



Flowers for the altar this weekend are donated in thanksgiving to God by Kimberlyn & Marcus Mica on the occasion of the celebration of their Holy Matrimony.

#### MASS INTENTIONS

Monday, December 7

4:30 p.m. The Welfare of Parishioners

Thursday, December 10

4:30 p.m. Bea Hinojosa

Saturday, December 12

1:00 p.m. Schulze-Steinhauser Wedding

4:30 p.m. Charlie, Cecelia, Sissy, Eddie & Clarence Hajek

Sunday, December 13

8:00 a.m. Rhonda Freytag

#### Individual Confessions in Praha and Moulton.

- Available anytime by appointment. Call the office.
- On Thursdays after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Praha.
- On Fridays in the Family Room after Mass in Moulton.
- During Advent/Christmas season and in Lent.

The Sanctuary Light will be lit this week in memory of Henry J. Migl.



#### Parish Advent Penance Services



Moulton - Monday, December 14, 4:30 p.m. - ??

Praha - Thursday, December 10, 4:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, December 17, 5:00 p.m. - ??

Join other parishioners at the Penance Service. A good opportunity to prepare our hearts for the Lord's coming.

#### DECEMBER 8 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

##### Holy Day of Obligation

In teaching that Mary was conceived immaculate, the Catholic Church teaches that from the very moment of her conception, the Blessed Virgin Mary was free from all stain of original sin. The feast celebrates Mary as the first one redeemed by Christ; we might think of her as the first fully human person in history, the one who fulfilled all her potential as a child of God, a fully self-giving collaborator with the plan of God.

##### Mass Schedule

Vigil Dec. 7 - 4:30 p.m., Praha 6:30 p.m., Moulton

Mass of the Day, Dec. 8 - 8:15 a.m., Moulton

#### ST. MARY'S MEMORIAL FUND

In Memory of *Benedict Pokluda*

Jason Bartos

Mary & Charlie Bartos

Kevin, Megan, Hannah & Lukas Bartos

Scott, Staci, Samuel, Daniel & Callan MacDonald

#### Full, Conscious and Active Participation in the Liturgy



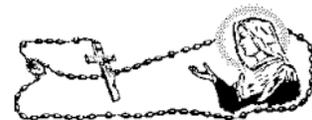
Next weekend is *The Third Sunday of Advent*. Prepare for the liturgy by reflecting on these passages from your Bible.

**First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2a, 10-11**

**Responsorial Psalm: Luke 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54**

**Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24**

**Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**



Rosary every Wednesday at 9:00 a.m. Come join a group of church ladies at the Zdravas Maria Plaza to pray.

Pray for the repose of the soul of

*Patricia Ann Michna*

and for the comfort of her loved ones.

*May she rest in peace.*



## REFLECTION

*Our God Who Comes To Save Us*

**Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 Psalm 85 2 Peter 3:8-14  
Mark 1:1-8**

John the Baptist, like his predecessors made his announcement to people who were struggling to maintain the hope that God would hear their prayer and send them a savior. His contemporaries had a great spiritual hunger. Despite the harshness of his call to repentance, they flocked to him, acknowledged their sins and were baptized. John's camel-hair clothing and leather belt identified him as a prophet. John's diet underscored the two-edged nature of his message as well as the good news that Jesus would bring. Those who accepted the Gospel of Salvation in faith would know blessings (signified by the honey); those who did not were planting the seeds of their own destruction (symbolized by the locusts).

John's voice speaks of making preparations for one who is not only greater than he, but is greater than even the emperor. He is the Lord whose way is prepared not with stones that pave a new road, but with hearts whose faith has created a welcome for him. Hearts that have turned from all else to God – this is the welcome that will receive the One who comes to baptize with the Holy Spirit.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



December 6 – Colten Cerny  
December 9 – Jason Jackson

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



December 7 – Dianne & Richard Niemann

## WEDDING BANNERS



Rene Elizabeth Schulze & Theodore Raymond Steinhauser

Congratulation and God's blessings to  
**Emily Deanne & Jon Travis Matus**  
who were recently united in the Sacrament  
of Holy Matrimony here at St. Mary's.



## NO PRAHA PANCAKE SUNDAY TODAY

*Praha Pancake Sunday will resume January 3, 2021.*

## SECOND COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

### *Retired Fund For Religious*

The annual appeal for Retired Religious raises funds for aged nuns who served ministering to the needs of others for many years.

**Note:** Sisters taught in St. Mary's Church School here in Praha for free for many years. **Be generous.**

## ADVENT/CHRISTMAS BULLETIN BOARD

### **Advent Transforms Us**

*The Season Sharpens Our Waiting,  
Deepens Our Hope*



The Season is a new time for us to wait for God's entry into our world. This is the cause for celebrations and the Church invites us to make adequate preparation to mark the event.

**Prepare the way of the Lord.  
Make straight his path. (Mark 1:2-3)**

**Christmas Flowers:** Those who wish to make a donation toward the purchase of Poinsettias for the Church could do so in memory of their loved ones. *Extra Christmas Flower envelopes at the main entrance to Church.*



### **Annual Christmas Collection for the Poor**

A Special Collection for the Poor will be taken up at all the Christmas Masses. You may use the attached envelope for this purpose. Drop the envelope in the collection basket or mail any time during the month of December.

## 2021 MASS BOOK OPENS DECEMBER 8

**Mass Stipend:** It has been a long standing tradition of the Church that an offering is made by parishioners when Mass (prayers) is requested. The donation given is an offering to God not a payment for the Mass. Parishioners are encouraged to be generous in their offering. To make it possible for even the poor to request Masses, a donation of at least \$5 is to be made when Mass is requested. Parishioners are encouraged to participate in the Mass they request.

*\* Owing to the large volume of Mass requests for our beloved dead and other occasions each family is limited to 2 Masses per year. The Mass can be for a married couple, one person, or two individuals.*

**Sanctuary Light and Bulletin:** In addition to booking Masses or offering flowers for the Altar, you may also sponsor the Sanctuary Light (the candle burns for a week) or sponsor the Church Bulletin for a weekend. It could be: *in memory of, in honor of, in thanksgiving, Special Intention, etc.*

Sanctuary Light - \$20; Bulletin Sponsor - \$35

To book a Mass, Altar Flowers, Sanctuary Light or Bulletin call the Parish Office or put your intention and offering into the collection basket or mail.